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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE BOAT VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE TO MALAYSIA FROM THAILAND

- 1. A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE BOAT WITH 15 PERSONS ABOARD VOLUNTARILY DEPARTED THAILAND SEPT. 12 FOR MALAYSIA, DESPITE PROTESTS BY UNHCR ABOUT THE FUTILITY OF THE ACTION.
- 2. BOAT CONTAINS 11 PERSONS WHO HAD ARRIVED SATTAHIP JULY 28. THESE PEOPLE WERE FOUND INELIGIBLE BY AMEMBASSY AND NOT PRESENTED. THEY ARE:

TRANG THI SAO (6 PERSONS) PHI SAN BUT (5 PERSONS)

- 3. THE OTHER 4 PERSONS ARRIVED PRIOR TO JUNE 30 AND WERE PRESENTED TO INS OFFICIERS, BUT REJECTED. THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE FRENCH, BUT STATED THAT THEY PREFER TO GO TO U.S. AND WILL TRY THEIR LUCK IN MALAYSIA. AFTER TAKING THEIR YOUNG AGE INTO CONSIDERATION, FRENCH HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD OPEN THEIR OFFER. BUT DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE MUST, RPT. MUST BE FROM THAILAND.
- 4. THESE PEOPLE ARE:

A. LU LE ANH (F) JAN. 24, 1959 RACH GIA, VN UNCLASSIFIED

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B. CHAU VAN THANH (M) 1963 RACH GIA, VN

- C. NGUYEN THI NGHIEM AUG. 7 1953 VINH LONG, VN AKA PHUNG THI KIM HANH OCT. 16, 1960. AFTER BEING REJECTED BY INS SHE SAID HER REAL NAME WAS THE LATTER AND THAT SHE HAD A BROTHER IN THE U.S. ALLEDGED BROTHER IS IVD.
  - D. NGUYEN VAN MOT (M) 1951 RACH GIA, VN
- 5. HAS POST RECEIVED ANY NEWS CONCERNING THIS BOAT? IF CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE REQUEST 4 PERSONS BE INFORMED THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO FRANCE STILL OPEN, IF THEY RETURN TO THAILAND. BURKE

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